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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
ACCOMPANYING RESPONSE TO JUNE 4, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**

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In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows. Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

1. (Amended) An etchant gas composition, comprising:
a carrier gas;
~~one or more C₂F₆ gases~~ C₄F₆;
CH₂F₂; and
a gas selected from the group consisting of CHF₃, CF₄, and mixtures thereof.

Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled.

5. (Amended) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier gas is comprises argon.

and find no deficiency in such marked-up version with respect to 37 CFR § 1.121. A duplicate/identical copy of the submitted Version With Markings is submitted herewith, as is a copy of the Amendment. It is noted that each amended claim has a parenthetical expression following the claim number which is the same as that presented in the claims in the body of the amendment. Underlines have been used to indicate insertions, and strike-outs to indicate deletions, and such were identified in the Version With Markings. Further, no marked-up version was supplied for any added claim or canceled claim, as such is not required by 37 CFR §1.121(c).

Accordingly, the undersigned is at a loss as to how the marked-up version of the claims fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121(c). The response filed on or about September 3, 2002 is seen to be in full compliance with the rules.

If the Patent Office is to persist in this rejection, it is requested that the Examiner specifically point out by claim number, line number and word(s) where Applicant has allegedly failed to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.121(c). To facilitate the quick correction of any alleged error(s), a telephone call to the undersigned is suggested, in the event the Patent Office persists in this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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